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Report of the Secretary-General

Addendum

1. Further to my report of 17 December 1996 (S/1996/1045 and Add.1), I am pleased to inform the Security Council that the Agreement on a Firm and Lasting Peace was signed at Guatemala City on 29 December 1996 by representatives of the Government of Guatemala and the Unidad Revolucionaria Nacional Guatemalteca (URNG). That Agreement brings into force all other agreements signed by the parties in the course of the negotiations moderated by the United Nations, including the agreement on the definitive ceasefire signed on 4 December 1996 and made available to the Council as an annex to my report of 17 December.

2. As I explained in that report, verification of the definitive ceasefire will require the deployment of United Nations military personnel in a military component to be attached to the United Nations Mission for the Verification of Human Rights and of Compliance with the Commitments of the Comprehensive Agreement on Human Rights in Guatemala (MINUGUA). Accordingly, I now request the authorization of the Security Council for the deployment of this component of 155 military observers for a period of three months. At the end of that period, the Secretary-General would submit a report to the Council on the activities of the component. As in the past, reports to the General Assembly on the other mandated activities of MINUGUA will also continue to be circulated as documents of the Council.

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